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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJ: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR:

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT. I GREATLY VALUED THE OPPOR-
TUNITY TO VISIT YOU IN DAKAR AND TO DISCUSS WITH YOU
THE MAJOR ISSUES WHICH ARE OF SUCH GREAT CONCERN TO US
BOTH.

3. THE UNITED STATES WILL FIRMLY PURSUE THE POLICY
TOWARDS SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT I OUTLINED IN MY SPEECH
IN LUSAKA. WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO TAKE THE NECESSARY
ACTIONS TO THIS END.

4. WE ARE ALSO INTENSIFYING OUR CONSULTATIONS REGARDING
FURTHER ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAHEL
REGION AND I WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER WITH THE
WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES.

5. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL MADE BY
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAIN IN HIS MEETING WITH REPRE-
SENTATIVES OF FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN STATES IN PARIS
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EARLIER THIS MONTH. IN MY STATEMENT TO THE SENATE

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON MAY 13, I WELCOMED THIS INITIATIVE. SINCE THEN, I HAVE HAD FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL WITH THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, WHO IS NOW ON A STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR CONVERSATIONS HAVE COVERED A RANGE OF SUBJECTS, AND HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR DETERMINATION TO WORK TOGETHER WITH YOU AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE AFRICAN LEADERS IN CONFRONTING THE PROBLEMS WHICH WE PERCEIVE.

6. THE UNITED STATES FULLY INTENDS TO ACCEPT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN AFRICA AND TO AVOID ANY FURTHER ANGOLAS.

7. IN CONCLUSION, MR. PRESIDENT, MY VISIT TO AFRICA MARKED THE BEGINNING OF AN AMERICAN VIEW OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS THAT RECOGNIZES THE URGENCY OF MANY PROBLEMS AND THE NECESSITY FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION TO SOLVE THEM. WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THE GREAT GOALS WE ALL SEEK MUST, AND SHALL BE REALIZED.

8. I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON AGAIN. BEST REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER.
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